

October 1996 Newsletter

Autumnal Greetings!

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However, since our October meeting is early this month, the leaves haven't changed yet. EARLY--Program Chairperson Debbie Tintle tells us that we will have a special oil painting demonstration this month, Mon. Oct. 7, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library--the demo by artist Valerie Wyatt, a graduate of the Ducret School of the Arts. Don't miss it! (and for future reference Nov. 18 we'll have watercolorist Al Grafke, on a Monday. Also, on a Monday--Jan. 13, '97; Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12)

Also LOOKING AHEAD--our Members' Show & Holiday Sale comes up in December at the Somerset County Library. Mon. Dec. 2 we set up racks; Tues. Dec 3 we hang the paintings. Details in Nov. Newsletter. We also have the Somerset County Library in April 1997 for our Spring Members' Show.

DUES are DUE! If you haven't already done so, please mail dues--Individual is \$22; family \$32; student (through H.S. age) \$12.-- to Membership Chairperson Linda Arnold at 75 Church Street, Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938.

At our OCT 7 MEETING we will discuss the status of RVAA's exhibit at the Somerset Cultural Commission Gallery at the County Administration building in Somerville, re:

- 1)is there enough interest to continue this show? (takes place June or July)
- 2)if we continue, shall we have it judged?
- 3)if it is judged, should the club pay for the judge out of the general treasury, or shall we assess the individual exhibitors? Judge's fee is \$75. The Cultural Commission charges \$50. The last two years only 9 or 10 members entered. They were charged \$5. If we had it judged and only 10 members entered, and the club didn't pay for a judge, and the entrants did, cost may be \$13. or more.

Please come to the next meeting and let your opinions be heard.

You may also want to give your opinion or just come to the FOCUS GROUP for Artists/Performers/Writers, on Wed., Oct. 9, from 11-12 at the Somerset Administration Building, 20 Grove St., Somerville. They want our input for a county-wide assessment of cultural needs. There will also be two public town meetings, Tues. Oct. 8, from 7-8 pm and Thurs., Oct. 10, 10-11 am. For further info, please call the Commission at 231-7110. Ed. Note: If enough of us visual artists come, maybe we can get some more gallery space and art events in which we--RVAA members--can SHINE.

Speaking of SHINING--I know you are, but I need more of you to tell me just where and how you're doing this. Please drop me a note.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Ed Baumlin had a painting accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society Show currently at Merrill Lynch, just off of Rt. 1 in Princeton. Ed also won Second Award for Watercolor at the Tinicum Art Festival in Pa.

Ken Bernhard won the Gold Medal \$200. Prestigious Grumbacher Award at the Lavallette Heritage Commission's annual Arts & Crafts Show for his painting "The Whaling Ship". This was the second year in a row that Ken won the Grumbacher Award in this Show.

Sonja Weir and Elsa Herman both had paintings accepted into the AAPL Grand National Juried Show at the Salmagundi Club in New York City. Since this is the third time that Sonja has been accepted into the show, she is now officially a Fellow of the American Artists Professional League.

The New Jersey Watercolor Society's annual open juried show is presently at the Monmouth Museum, Lincroft until Nov.9. RVAA members Elsa Hermann, Joan McKinney, Diana Wilkoc Patton, and Debbie Tintle were accepted into the show. Diana and her students are also having a watercolor show at the Somerset County Library Oct. 3-31; Diana is in Hillsborough Library Oct

Okay, newsbreak's over--back to painting or thinking about it! And HAPPY HALLOWE'EN! Paint pumpkins on your windows and ghosts on your doors!